GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:398
ANSWERED ON:20.08.2001
SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANTS
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to give financial assistance to the State Governments for setting up of Sewerage treatment plants in order to clean certain rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the time by which the scheme is proposed to be implemented and the amount released to States for taking up the projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 398 to be answered on Monday, the 20.8.2001

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely; the National River Conservation Plan for cleaning of major rivers in the country. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to the State Governments for sewage treatment plants and other works aiming at abatement of river pollution as listed below:

- Interception and diversion works to capture the raw sewage flowing into the river through open drains and divert them for treatment.
- Sewage Treatment Plants for treating the diverted sewage.
- Low Cost sanitation works to prevent open defecation on riverbanks.
- Electric crematoria and Improved Wood Crematoria to conserve the use of wood and help in ensuring proper cremation of bodies brought to the burning ghats.
- River Front Development works such as improvement of bathing ghats etc.
- Other minor miscellaneous works.

The State-wise projects approved and funds released are given in Annexure. These projects are targeted to be implemented by 2005.